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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Amendments to rules 30, 31 and 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly; improving the efficiency of the General Assembly",

Convinced that a smooth transition between successive presidencies of the General Assembly and successive chairmanships of each of the Main Committees could usefully contribute to improving the work of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides*, for the purpose of the present resolution only, to waive the procedure set out in rule 163 of its rules of procedure, by which a committee would report on the amendments set out below;

2. *Decides* to amend rules 30, 31 and 99 of its rules of procedure as follows:

(a) The present rule 30 shall be replaced by the following text:

"*Elections*

"Rule 30

"Unless the General Assembly decides otherwise, the General Assembly shall elect a President and twenty-one Vice-Presidents at least three months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The President and the Vice-Presidents so elected will assume their functions only at the beginning of the session for which they are elected and shall hold office until the close of that session. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the Chairmen of the six Main Committees referred to in rule 98, in such a way as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee."

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(b) The present rule 31 shall be replaced by the following text:

"Temporary President

"Rule 31

"If, at the opening of a session of the General Assembly, the President for that session has not yet been elected, in accordance with rule 30 above, the President of the previous session, or the chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected, shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President."

(c) Paragraph (a) of the present rule 99 shall be replaced by the following text:

"All the Main Committees shall, at least three months before the opening of the session, elect a Chairman. Elections of the other officers provided for in rule 103 shall be held at the latest by the end of the first week of the session."

3. *Decides also* that, for the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly only, the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected at least two months before the opening of the session;

4. *Decides* that these amendments will enter into force on _____ 2002.[1]

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[1] Date of adoption of the resolution by the General Assembly.